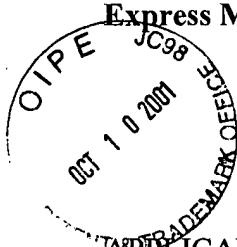


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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Sir:

In response to the Office action mailed on April 10, 2001, in connection with the above-identified patent application, Applicants submit this Amendment and Response. A petition and appropriate fee for a three month extension of time, up to and including October 10, 2001, are submitted herewith.

An Information Disclosure Statement, Form PTO-1449, and copies of the cited patents and printed publications are submitted herewith.

Claims 1-45 are pending. Claims 27-43 are withdrawn from consideration. Claims 1-26, 44, and 45 stand rejected. Applicants amend claims 44 and 45. Accordingly, after entry of this Amendment, claims 1-26, 44, and 45 will be pending for examination.

**AMENDMENT**

Please amend claims 44 and 45 to read as follows. (A marked up version of the amended claims is attached at the end of this Amendment and Response.)